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Sir:

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I, Patrick J. O'Shea, represent that I am a registered attorney of record authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee identified below owning all of the interest in above-identified application.

The Assignee of this application is Micronas Semiconductor, Inc. (the "Assignee"), whose principal business address is 1208 West Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60067.

The extent of the Assignee's interest is in the whole of the invention. The undersigned has reviewed all documents in the chain of title of the above-identified application, and to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, title is in the Assignee.

On behalf of the Assignee, I hereby disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent 6,829,297 as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, and hereby agree that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent 6,829,297, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantor, its successors or assigns.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick O'Shea", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

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